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The Honorable Albert C. Hall
Assistant Secretary (Intelligence)
Department of Defense
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Al:

Mr. Colby has asked me to respond to your letter of 8 April 1975 relative to strengthening the Community On-Line Intelligence System (COINS). It is encouraging to hear that you expect to make the system capable of interactive operation in FY-77.

An exploration is now being made within CIA of the possibility of using a CIA computer to provide real time access to CIA headquarters files. The CIA Subsystem Manager for COINS advises that he is conducting a survey of Agency components to provide information not only about the present utility of COINS to CIA production analysts but also about Agency plans for data bases that might usefully be made available to community analysts via COINS.

The Intelligence Community Staff has been asked by CIA for further information about the possible future interrelationship of COINS with the concept of the Distributed Data Base (DDB) that your Planning and Programming Guidance Memorandum (PPGM) of 17 February 1975 instructed DIA to pursue vigorously. The PPGM also called on DIA to prepare a Technical Development Plan on methods to integrate numerous data base subsystems and interface with COINS.

It would be helpful if the Intelligence Community Staff could be brought up to date on this planning effort. If you agree, I would appreciate it if your representative would contact [Redacted] Chairman IHC, to work out arrangements for a briefing to our staff.

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Sincerely,

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2. An exploration is now being made within CIA of ways, including the possibility of using a CIA computer, to provide real time access to CIA COMUS files. We are also attempting to determine the additional benefits and costs involved in such access.

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